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* Selected as a member of the 2013 America's Farmers Grow Rural Education Advisory Council to review grant applications. The Monsanto Fund distributes funds to Schools in each USDA Crop Reporting District based off of their education grant application programs for math and science development within the district

* As Chairman of NCGA, I presided over the Association of Industry Cooperators Joint meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

*Traveled to Ottawa, Canada as an officer of NCGA to work with the Grains Council in regards to gaining market access.

*Director on 25x25 Board of Directors

*Chairman NCGA speaking to our "Leadership at it's Best" Syngenta Leadership Conference Washington DC, March 2013

*Chairman of NCGA (AIC) Association of Industry Cooperators, Washington DC March 2013

* Speaker representing NCGA at the Wisconsin Corn Soy meeting January 31, 2013 Madison, Wisconsin

*Became a member of the Illinois Channel's Advisory Council on Illinois Agriculture

*Became Chairman of NCGA October 1, 2012

- *One of 5 speakers representing Agriculture at the Farm Bill Now Rally, September 12, 2012 Washington DC.
- *Appointed to Waterways Council Inc, as a Board member representing NCGA
- *Appointed to Farm Foundation, Washington DC.
- * Presided over Corn Congress July 2012, Washington DC.
- *Presided over the Commodity Classic March of 2012, Nashville, Tenn.
- *Testified in front of the US House Ag Committee on Conservation issues in regards to the new Farm Bill. I presented testimony on behalf of NCGA, ASA, Farm Bureau, Rice, Cotton and Farmers Union on the issues affecting Conservation. Spring of 2012
- *February 16, 2012 Presented Power Point Presentation to US Grains Council on Infrastructure Concerns of the Upper Mississippi River in Panama City, Panama while touring the new locks at Miraflores Lock, Panama City
- *October 1, 2012 began President of NCGA. Traveled to Argentina and Brazil as a member of Grains Council and NCGA Officers Mission on Jan. 17-27, 2012. We laid the ground work for what eventually became Maizall.
- *Traveled to India, Viet Nam and China as a member of the Grains Council and NCGA Officers Mission January 15 -29, 2010
- *June 15, 2010 was elected to be NCGA Vice President beginning October 1, 2010
- * Was selected as one of four farmers from the State of Illinois to receive the much coveted Prairie Farmer Magazine "2010 Master Farmer Award."
- *Received "World of Corn Award" from Illinois Corn Growers November 2009.
- *Have served on NCGA Corn Board Director since 2004 as interlocking Director for Trade A Team, Production Stewardship, and liaison to CFTC Regulation meetings. In 2009 I was appointed to serve as liaison from the NCGA Board to the Waterways Council Incorporated. Other committee assignments include

Associations Relations Comm., Corn PAC, and Currently Production Stewardship Action Team dealing with Cap and Trade issues.

*District 10 Director for Illinois Corn Growers Association: ICGA Corn PAC Ch.2003; Past President 2003; President 2002; Vice President 2001; Market Development Director 2000; Treasurer 1999; Public Relations ch.1998.

*Elected Delegate to the first Illinois Ag Assembly, 2000, Illinois Dept. of Ag

*Served on the Illinois "Farmers for George W. Bush for President" Executive Committee chaired by Tom Ewing. Served on "Illinois Farmers for Jim Ryan for Governor" comm.

*Governor George Ryan appointment to Illinois Farm Development Authority Treasurer 2002-2003.

* Past President of Sangamon County Farm Bureau 1995 after serving for 9 years as Director of Sangamon County.

*Interlocking Farm Bureau-Farm Supply Director 5 years with Lincoln Land Farm Supply.

*Member of Ag Advisory Committee for Congressman LaHood, Congressman John Shimkus, and Senator Peter Fitzgerald.

*NCGA Exploratory trip to Brazil and Argentina 1997 working on a study for Upper Mississippi and Illinois River Lock Upgrades.

*Ag Transition Comm. Member for Governor George Ryan.

*Graduate of Illinois Farm Bureau Ag Leaders of Tomorrow (A LOT)

*Member of Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce Ag Division.

*Member of Lake Springfield Water Resources Comm.

* Member of C-FAR (Illinois Council for Ag Research)

*Member of MARC 2000(Midwest Area River Coalition 2000)

*Member of National Waterways Council Inc.

*Member of NCGA Production Stewardship Action Team 6 years; Ethanol Comm. 3 years; NCGA Corn Delegate 10 years; NCGA Nominating Comm.; NCGA Election Comm.; NCGA Ethanol Task Force; NCGA Structure Comm.; Secretary of NCGA Corn PAC; Co-Chairman Ethanol Strategic Planning Comm.

*Director of US Grains Council Trade Policy Team and Public Relations Comm.

*USDA Risk Management Partners.

*10 year 4-H member

*4 year member of FFA, State Farmer Degree

*Elder and member of Chatham Presbyterian Church, Sunday School Teacher

*Member Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, Graduate with BS Degree in Agricultural Economics 1970 from the University of Illinois.

*Graduated from Auburn High School 1966.